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1. The following is an excerpt in translation of a circular of 18 March 1947, sent out by the Handels-Genossenschaft fuer den Zonen-Verkehr G.m.b.H, Erfurt, Anger 61. It refers to the export-import situation in the State of Thuringia and explains the procedures to be followed for inter-zonal export-import applications.

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2. "During the last few months, the State of Thuringia exported more products to the western zones than it imported. In order to remedy this unfavorable situation and to achieve a balanced import-export program, it will temporarily become necessary to curtail somewhat the export of goods to the western zones. The Handels-Genossenschaft considers it its special task to work out a balanced import-export program in the interest of Thuringian industry and trade; however, this can be achieved only if all applications for exports and imports pass through our Institute. This procedure will enable us to work out a balanced program based on the applications submitted for import-export and to secure quick approval from the appropriate Ministry.
3. "Please let us know as far as possible your wishes in regard to imports and exports. It makes no difference if an application for the purchase of goods from the British zone is submitted simultaneously with an application for the delivery of goods to the American zone, or if a request for import is submitted to us alone. We shall process the applications from a new angle which will enable us to secure the prompt approval of the appropriate Ministry.
4. "Your contractor should apply to the appropriate Department of Economy (Landwirtschaftsamt) for an export or release permit at the time the import application is submitted by you, so as to avoid any delay later on. A pro-forma bill in three copies must be submitted.

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5. "If the items in question figure on the list of restricted products (see our circular of 27 September 1946) and therefore require a special permit from the military authorities or the Landwirtschaftsamt, it is advisable that your contractor in the western zone secure the necessary export documents and attach them to the pro-forma bill, so that the delivery of the goods in question will not be held up later on through belated objections raised by the appropriate government agencies. We expect that this procedure will not only result in a simplification of the work of the Ministries involved, but will lead to a smooth functioning of the inter-zonal exchange of goods."

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